IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

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) No. 07 C 1367
) Consolidated with No. 05 C 4095
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) Chief Judge James Holderman
) Magistrate Judge Maria Valdez

PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR RELIEF FROM PROTECTIVE ORDER

Plaintiffs Phoenix Bond & Indemnity Co. and BCS Services, Inc. respectfully move this Court for relief from the Protective Order with respect to pro se litigants in this case. In support of the present motion, Plaintiffs state the following:

- 1. The Protective Order (Dkt. No. 322) enables parties to designate certain documents produced in this litigation that contain sensitive business and financial information as "Highly Confidential." (Id. at \P 4.) Documents that are "Highly Confidential" are for "attorneys' eyes only," and may be viewed by counsel of record, but not by the parties themselves.
- 2. There are currently two parties in this litigation (Defendants Gregory Stec and Joseph Varan) who are not represented by counsel. Without attorneys to represent them, these pro se litigants have no access to documents that have been marked "Highly Confidential."
- 3. It will be necessary for these parties to view "Highly Confidential" documents (which constitute the overwhelming majority of documents produced in this litigation), as such documents are used often, such as in exhibits to pleadings and discovery requests. Accordingly, plaintiffs seek relief from the Protective Order in connection with parties in this litigation who are not represented by counsel.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs Phoenix Bond & Indemnity Co. and BCS Services respectfully move the Court for relief from the Protective Order with respect to pro se litigants.

Dated: August 31, 2009

Respectfully submitted,

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